

7.h. GETAC Pediatric Committee

Chair: Christi Thornhill, DNP

Vice-Chair: Belinda Waters, RN



Pediatric Committee

2024 Committee Priority Outcomes

Priority Not Implemented

Priority Activities Recorded

Priority Completed and Monitored

Committee Priorities	Outcomes	Status
Research Sudden Cardiac Arrests/Deaths (SCA/SCD) in pediatrics and ECG opt-out vs opt-in for sports physicals	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tabitha Selvester has started research and will be leading this workgroup.2. Workgroup has held several meetings.3. Working on a resource toolkit for website	Priority Not Implemented
Pediatric Committee continues to work with the Stroke Committee to develop pediatric stroke guidelines.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reviewing children's hospitals pediatric stroke protocols and reviewing evidence based practice guidelines.2. Development of a pediatric stroke guideline	Priority Completed and Monitored
Pediatric Committee continues to collaborate for 2 workgroups (pediatric concussion/head injury and magnet/battery ingestion).	1. Development of pediatric concussion/head injury toolkit	Priority Completed and Monitored
	2. Development of pediatric magnet/battery ingestion toolkit.	Priority Not Implemented

Action Item Request and Purpose

- Please provide a **single**, clear and concise statement defining your action item request:
 - Request the 6 simulations approved by the Pediatric Committee be approved by the GETAC Executive Council
 - Requests that the simulation cases are posted to the DSHS website following final formatting.
 - Request that the Head Injury/Concussion Toolkit approved by the Pediatric Committee be approved by the GETAC Council and posted to the DSHS website.
- In **one** clear and concise statement, please explain the purpose for this request:
 - To move forward with publication of pediatric simulation cases
 - To move forward with publication and dissemination of the Head Injury/Concussion Toolkit

Benefit and Timeline

- What is the intended impact or benefit resulting from this request?
Please provide a clear and concise response in a single statement.
 - Improving pediatric outcomes through the utilization of pediatric simulation in designated trauma centers in Texas.
 - Creating an educational and resource toolkit for parents, schools, and athletic programs regarding head injuries and concussions.
- Please provide the timeline or relevant deadlines for this request.
 - November 2024

7.h.A. Action Item: Head Injury/Concussion Toolkit



7.h.B. Update: TX Pediatric Readiness Improvement Project





**Pediatric Readiness
Improvement Project
TEXAS**



Texas Pediatric Readiness Improvement Project Update

GETAC November 2024

Texas Pediatric Readiness Project

Project Arms:

- Pediatric virtual education series
- 12 standardized pediatric trauma simulations
- Regional pediatric emergency care champions within each of 22 trauma service regions
- Pediatric QI performance measures and dashboards to drive pediatric QI efforts

Supported by:

- Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council
- Texas EMS for Children
- Texas Emergency Nurses Association
- Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum
- Texas EMS and Trauma Acute Care Foundation
- National Pediatric Readiness Quality Initiative



ED Pediatric Readiness Improvement Education Series

- 1-hour virtual sessions held 3rd Thursday every month @7am
 - Pediatric-specific topics
 - Highlight evidence-based practices and resources for adoption
 - Applicable simulation exercises offered
 - Emphasis on evaluating ED performance using NPRQI platform
- January 18
 - February 15
 - March 21
 - April 18
 - May 16
 - June 20
 - July 18
 - August 15
 - September 19
 - October 17
 - November 21
 - December 19
 - January 16, 2025
 - February 20, 2025



Data from sessions 1-10

Education Series Stats

Session	Topic	Registrants	Webinar Attendees	CE Awarded
			(unique viewers)	
Session 1	Overview of the Texas Pediatric Readiness Improvement Initiative	404	227	247
Session 2	ESI/Pediatric Assessment and Triage	993	351	311
Session 3	Respiratory Distress	1238	312	262
Session 4	Traumatic Brain Injury	1341	312	210
Session 5	Non-Accidental Trauma (Child Maltreatment)	1404	259	183
Session 6	Long-bone Fractures and Pain Management	1468	270	208
Session 7	Pediatric Ingestions	1488	236	212
Session 8	Shock Recognition and Management	1528	240	175
Session 9	Neonatal Resuscitation	1567	219	158
Session 10	Pediatric Resources for EDs	1590	141	N/A

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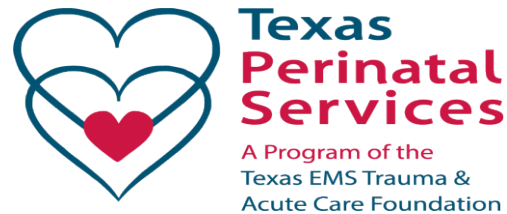
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Regional
PECC**

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- Regional Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators
 - 30 R-PECCs in 22 RACs
- Hospitals across the State with significant contacts
 - 238 in 22 RACs. All have agreed they are open to Pediatric Readiness.
- Simulations conducted in Emergency Departments
 - 692 sims in 21 RACs (all but 1 RAC has conducted sims)
- Number of staff participants in simulation scenarios
 - **2,649+ people in 21 RACs since early February.**

Texas Pediatric Readiness Project Evaluation Summary Metrics

Sessions 1 – Sessions 9

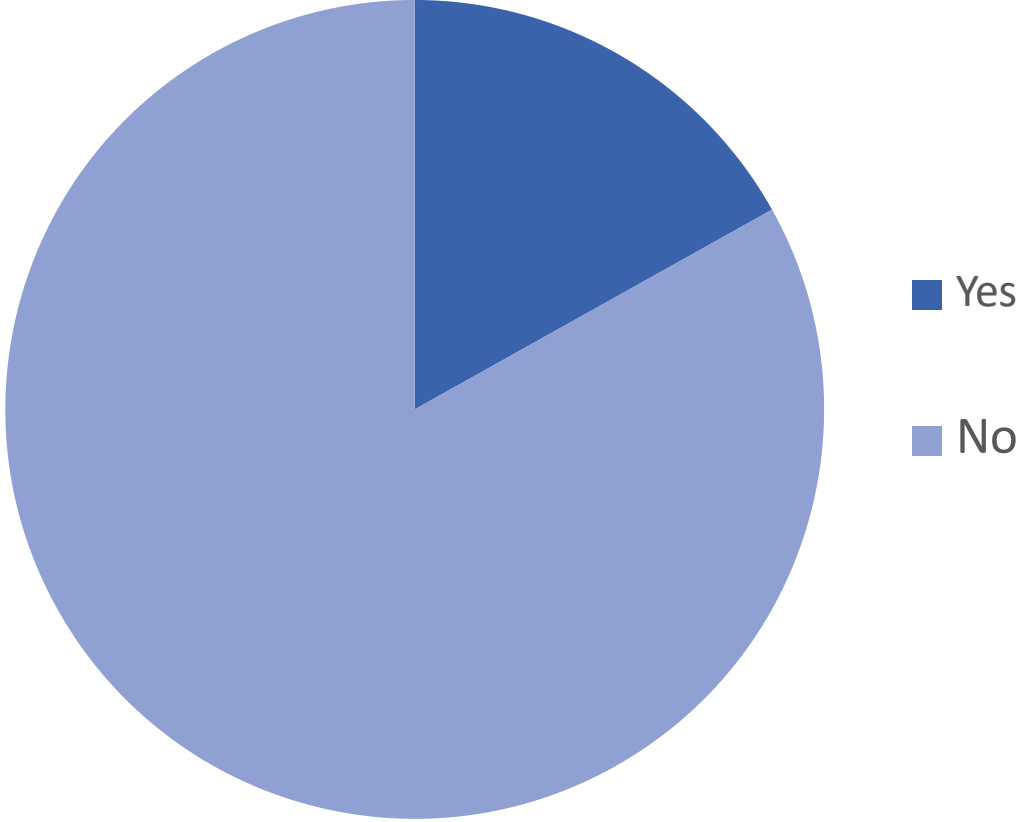


Continuing Professional Development: Summary

	Topic	NCPD Attendance	Average Evaluation Score
Session 1	Pediatric Readiness Initiative	247	4.72
Session 2	Triage & ESI	311	4.80
Session 3	Respiratory	262	4.71
Session 4	TBI	210	4.76
Session 5	Child Maltreatment	183	4.90
Session 6	Long Bone Fractures	208	4.86
Session 7	Ingestions	212	4.84
Session 8	Shock	175	4.82
Session 9	Newborn Resuscitation	158	4.81
Total Continuing Professional Development Hours Awarded		1966	4.80

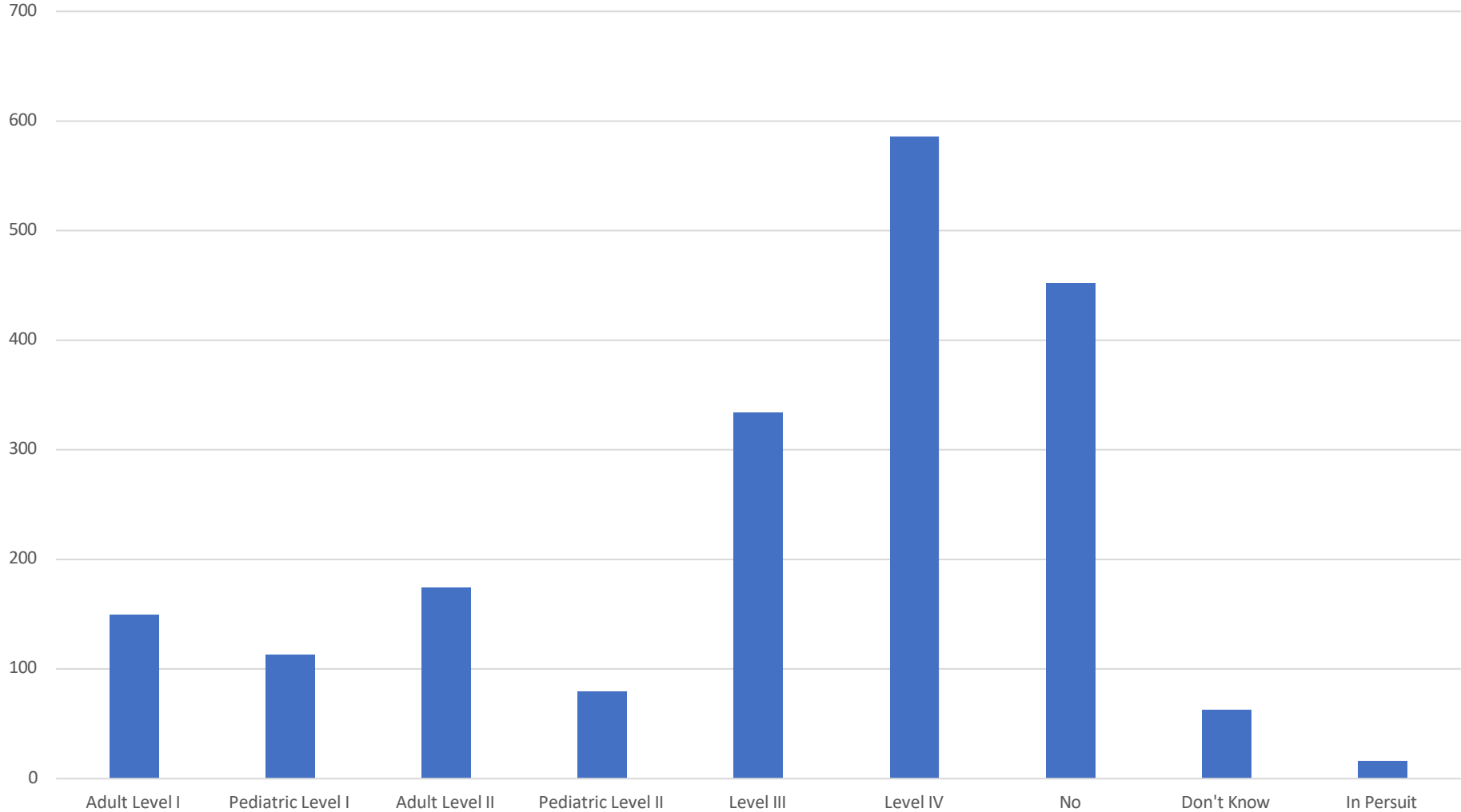
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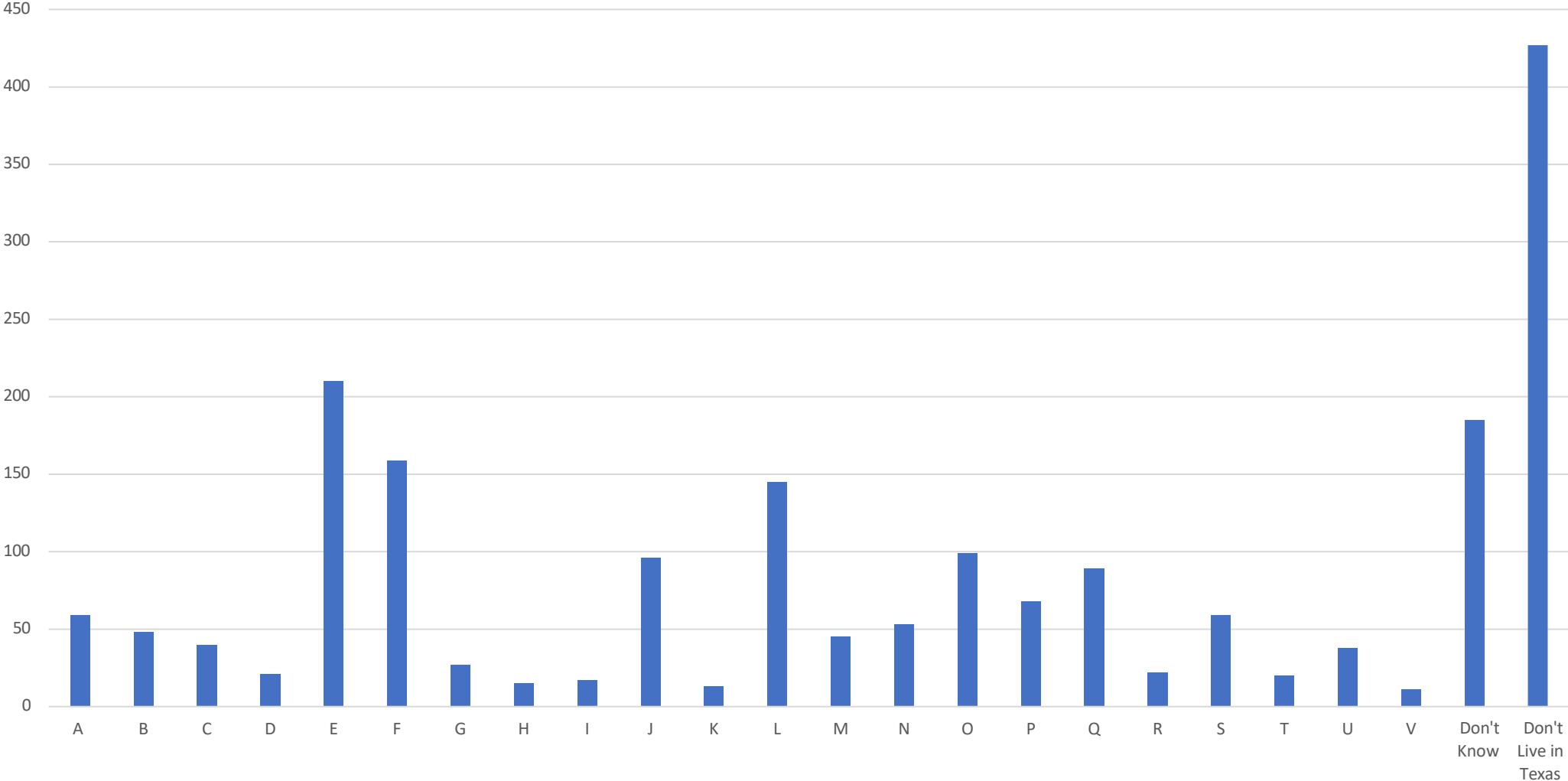
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Trauma Center Designation of Attendees



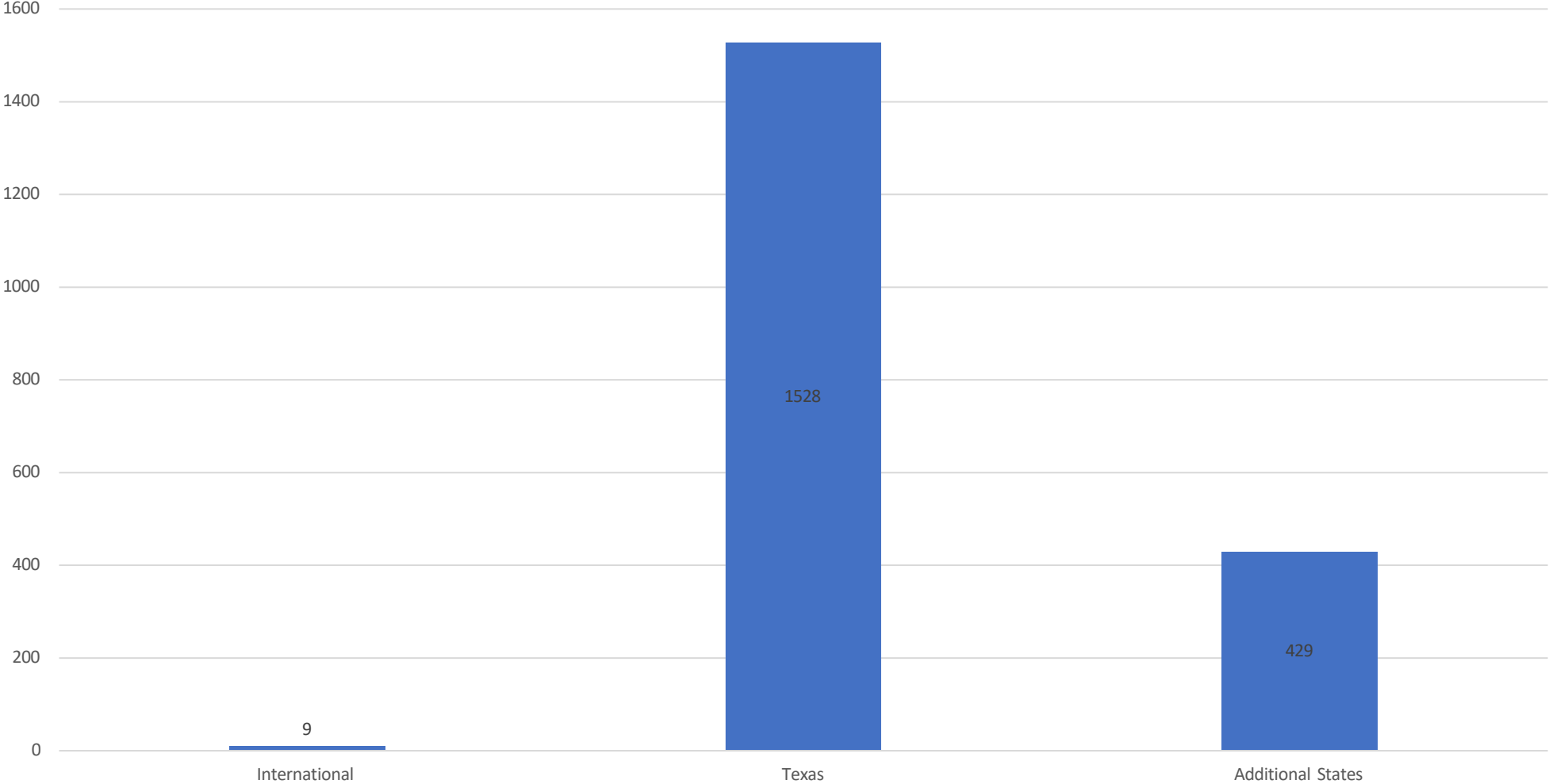
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NCPD Hours Awarded Per RAC



Continuing Professional Development: Summary

Residence of Attendee

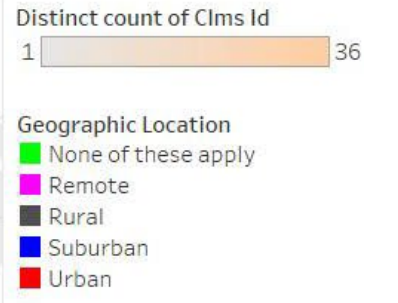
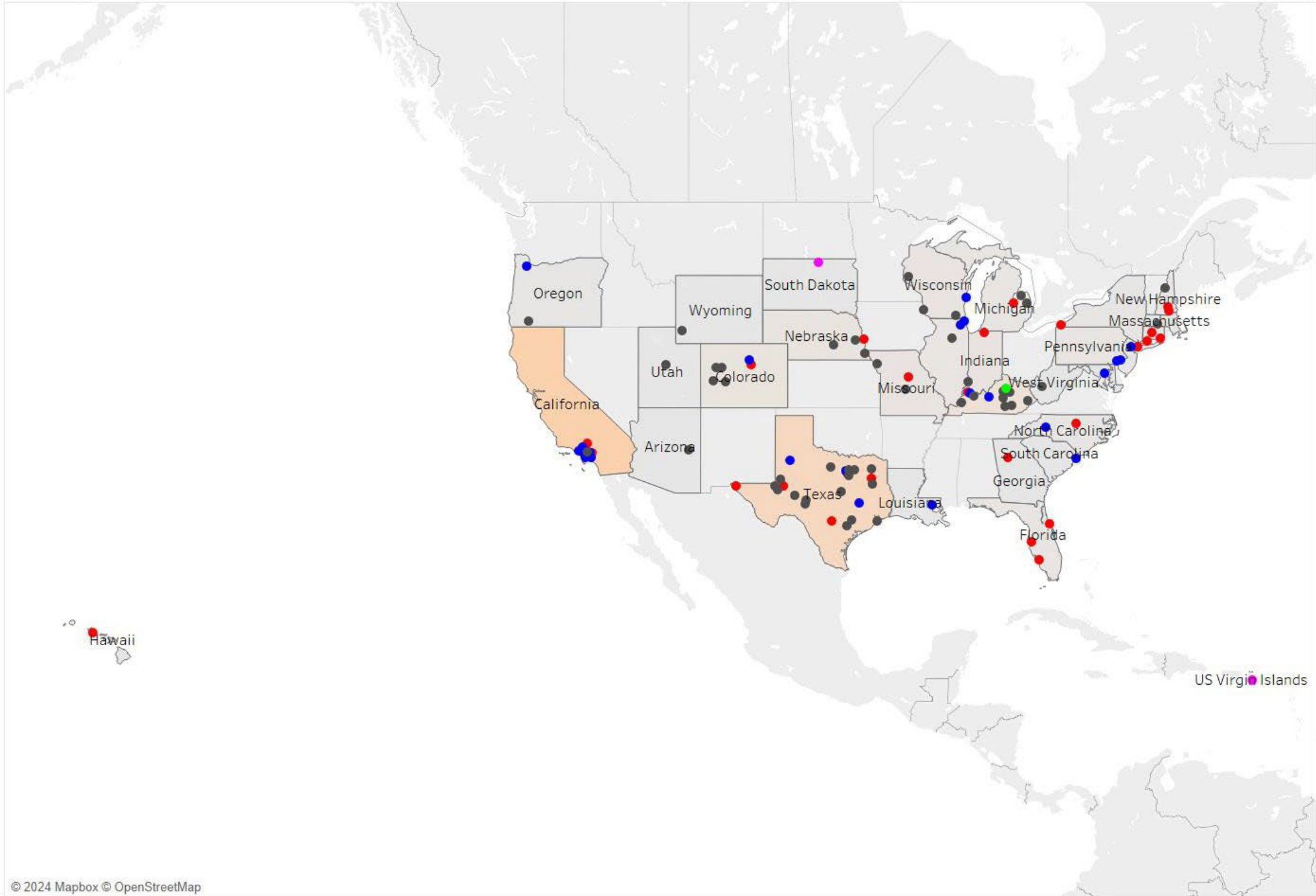


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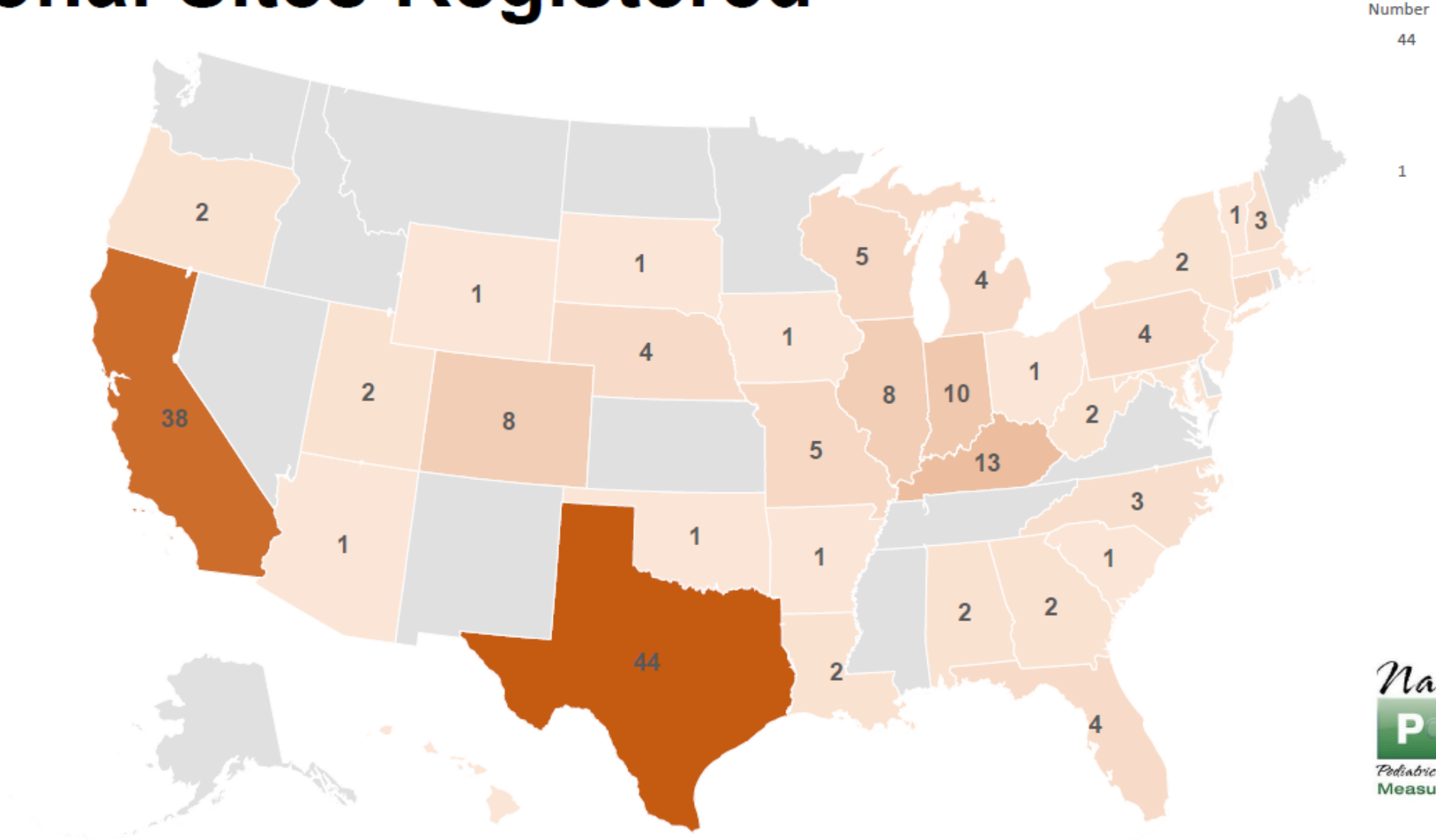


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NPRQI Update



National Sites Registered



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Patient Safety



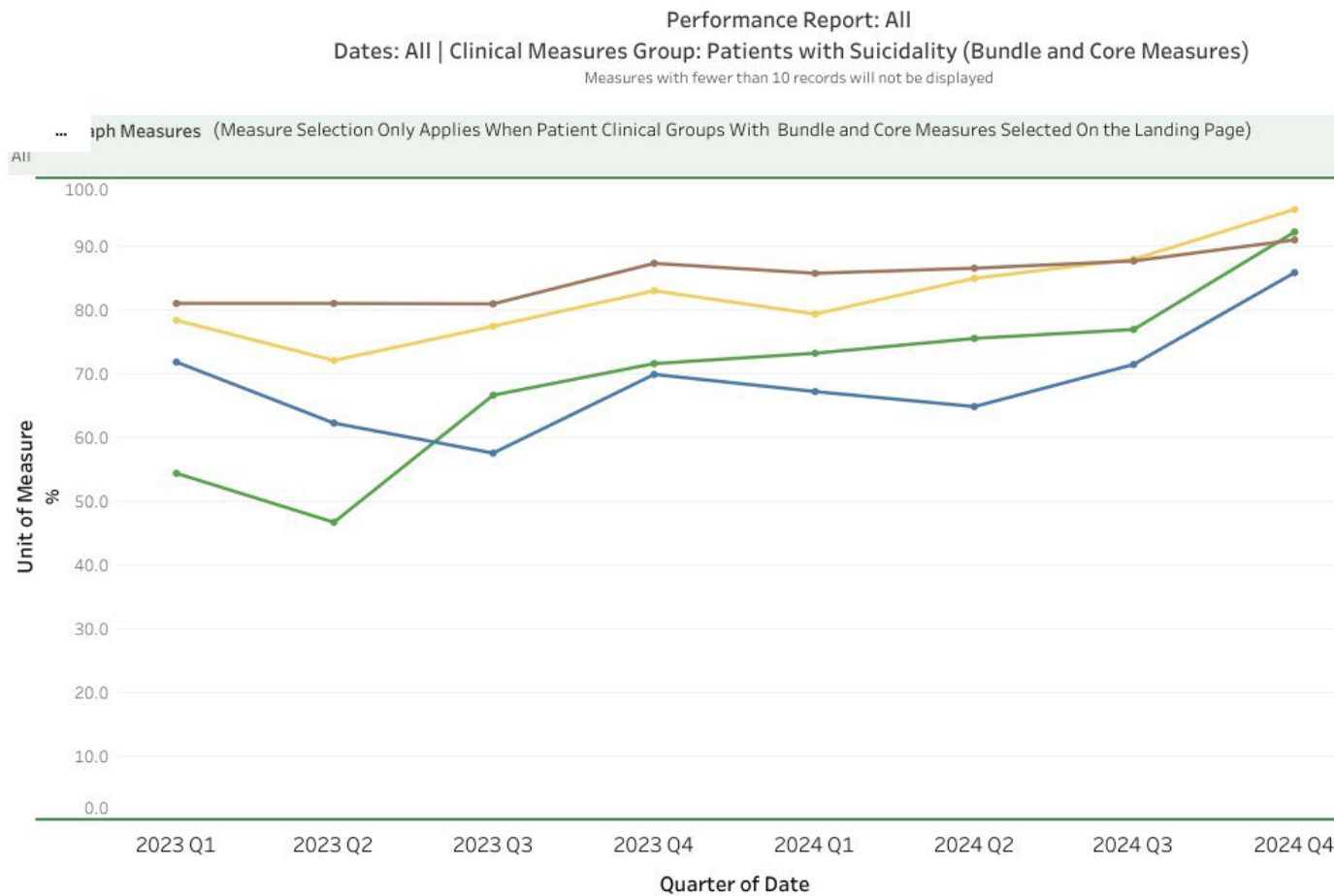
Abnormal
 Vital Signs



Pain
 Assessment



Suicidality



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- % of pediatric patients with weight documented in kilograms only
- % of pediatric patients with pain assessed
- Median ED length of stay
- % of high acuity pediatric patients with vital signs re-assessed
- Median time from triage to first intervention
- % of transferred pediatric patients who met site-specific transfer criteria
- Median time from triage to transport
- % of transferred pediatric patients who were discharged from the receiving ED
- % of adolescents who were assessed with a suicide screening tool
- % of pediatric patients with a positive suicide screen who had a structured suicide ..
- % of pediatric patients with a positive suicide screen who received consultation wi..
- % of pediatric patients with a positive suicide screen who received a discharge saf..

National



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Texas Sites Profiles

Participating Texas Sites



B-B

University Medical Center

C-North Texas

Graham Hospital District

E- North Central Texas

Baylor All Saints Medical Center at Fort Worth

Medical City ER Saginaw

Methodist Richardson Medical Center

Methodist Southlake Hospital

Texas Health Hospital Mansfield

G-Piney Woods

Christus Mother Frances Hospital - Jacksonville

Christus Mother Frances Hospital - Tyler

Christus Mother Frances Hospital - Winnsboro

I-Border

El Paso Children's Hospital

University Medical Center of El Paso

J-Texas

Medical Center Health System

Permian Regional Medical Center

Ward Memorial Hospital

Winkler County Memorial Hospital

K-Concho Valley

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital

Reagan Hospital District

Schleicher County Medical Center

L-Central Texas

Coryell Memorial Hospital

Participating Texas Sites



N-Brazos Valley
Baylor Scott and White Medical
Center - College Station

P-Southwest Texas
Christus Children's

R-East Texas Gulf Coast
HCA Houston Healthcare
Mainland

S-Golden Crescent
Lavaca Medical Center
Cuero Regional Hospital

Sites with executed POAs as of November 14, 2024

Clarification on Chart Requirement for NPRQI

NPRQI Data Collection Targets

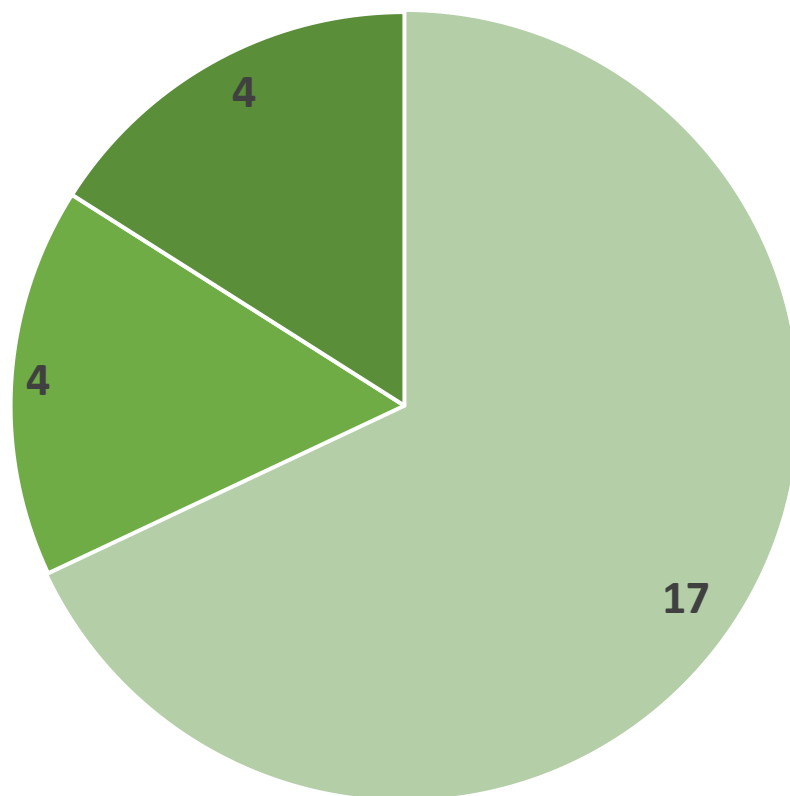
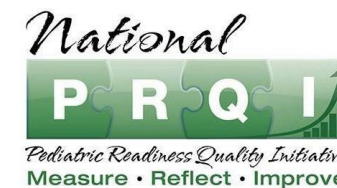


Initial Data Entry	To ensure confidentiality of the first set of patient encounters entered into the platform, a minimum of 10 patient charts must be submitted before performance will be displayed on dashboards.
Baseline Performance Data Entry	For a realistic view of the ED's baseline performance, a minimum of 30 patient encounters should be entered in the platform . This allows for 3 data points that reflect baseline performance. These may be entered over a few days, weeks, months, or quarter depending on patient volume and the ED team's bandwidth.
Ongoing Data Entry	To maximize the benefits of the NPRQI platform, patient charts should be entered at regular intervals , based on the ED team's bandwidth and patient volume. Each ED has sole discretion when deciding which patients should be selected for data entry and which metrics should be targeted for improvement efforts. It is recommended that ED's consider pulling every 5th, 10th, 20 th or other scheduled frequency for patient chart selection.

Note: NPRQI offers office hours to participating EDs regarding data sampling strategies, getting started with data entry, and data interpretation.



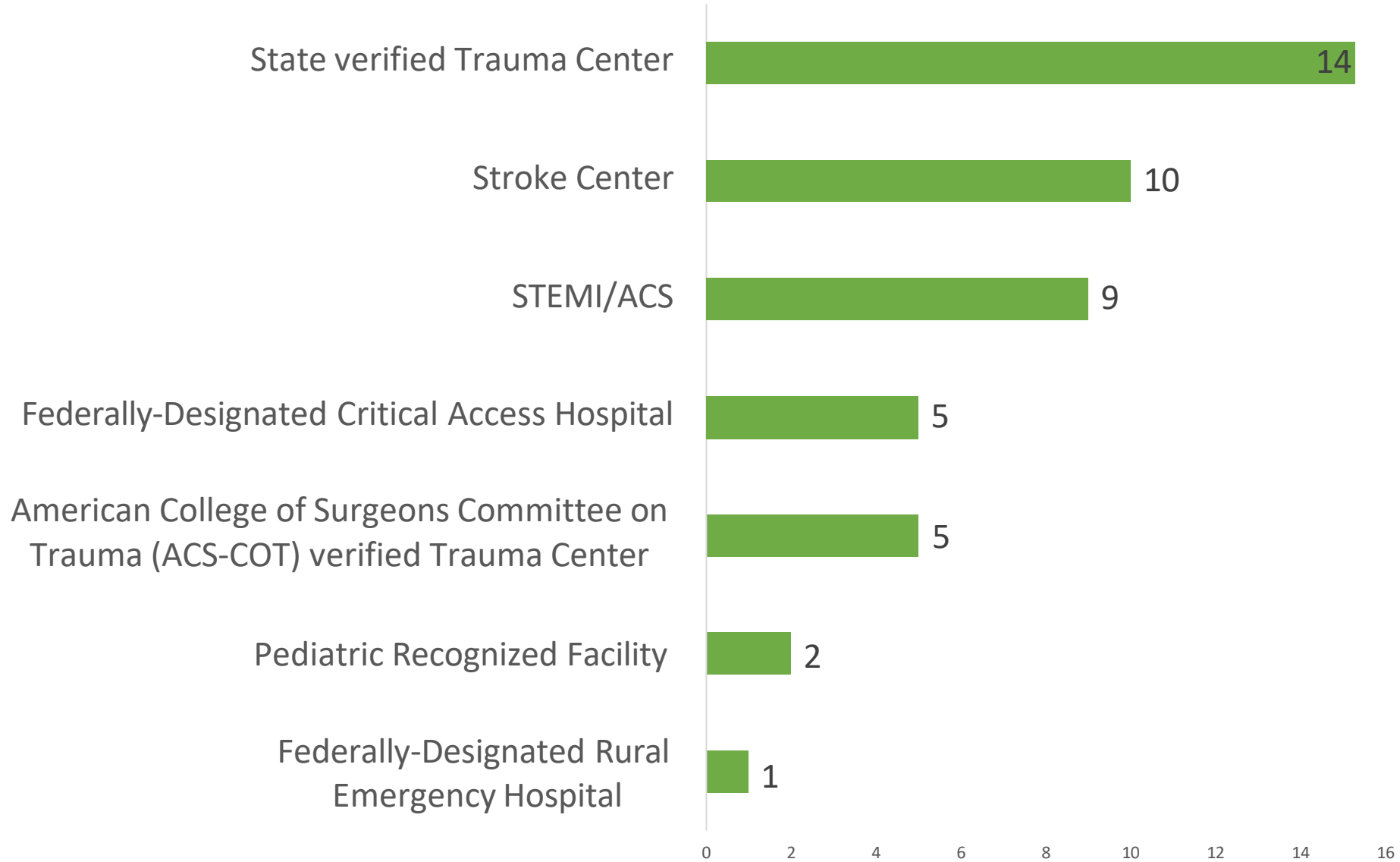
Texas Sites Annual Pediatric Volume



- Low: < 1,800 pediatric patients
- Medium: 1,800 - 4,999 pediatric patients
- High: >= 10,000 pediatric patients



Texas Sites Specialty Center Status



Performance Groupings



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EDs and Hospitals



Healthcare
Networks



Trauma Service
Areas



State/ National
Aggregate

RAC Dashboard

NPRQI Regional Reporting Dashboard

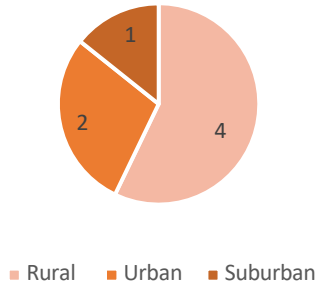
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7 Sites / 467 Records

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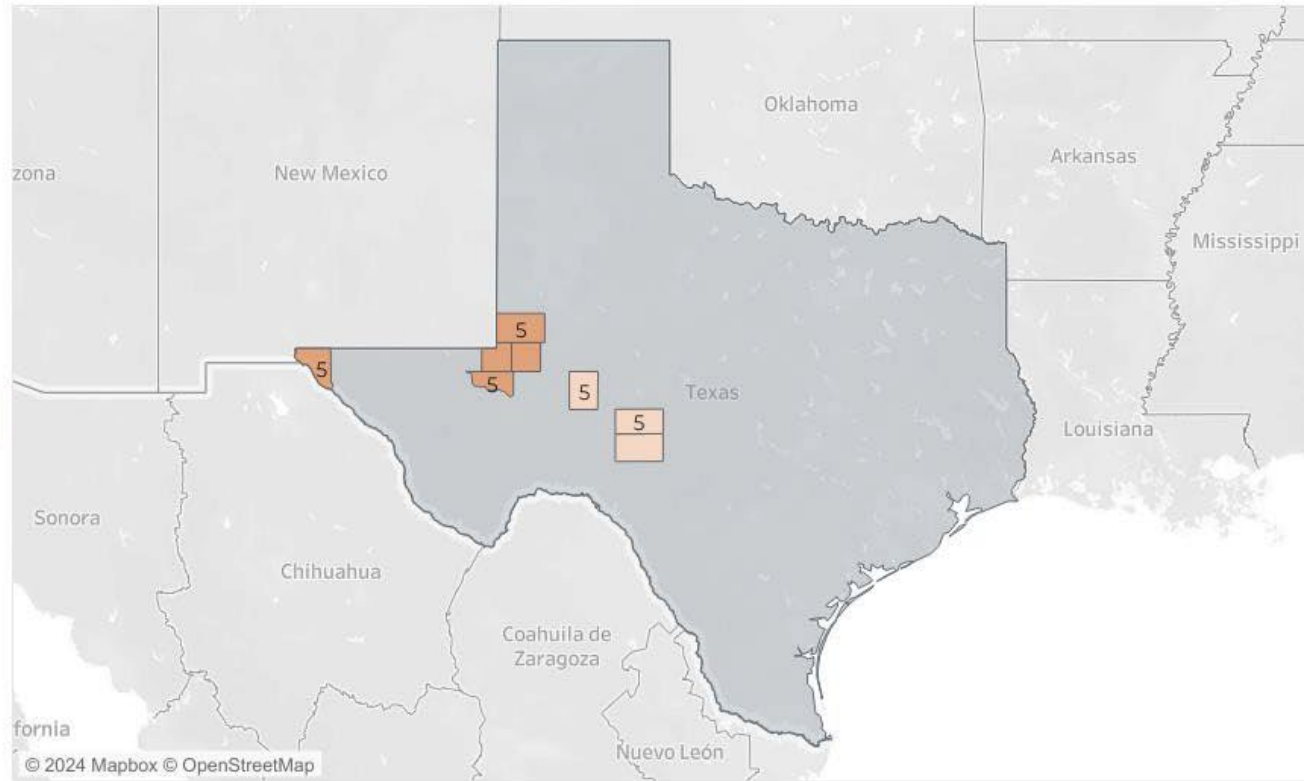
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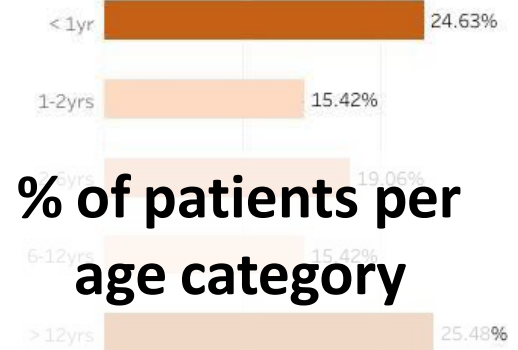
Region I, J, K Sites by Geographic Category



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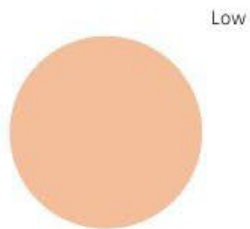


Region I, J, K Patients by Age Category

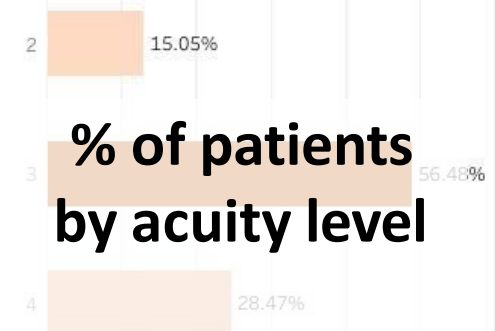


% of patients per age category

Region I, J, K Sites by Patient Volume



Region I, J, K Patients by Triage Level



% of patients by acuity level



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Site-level dashboard

NPRQI Reporting Dashboard

106 Sites / 15,267 Records

Make your selections from the green filter bar, and Click "GO" to return your report

Year

Select all that apply
All

Quarter

Limit the # of Quarters by selecting Year(s) first
All

Site

All

Results View

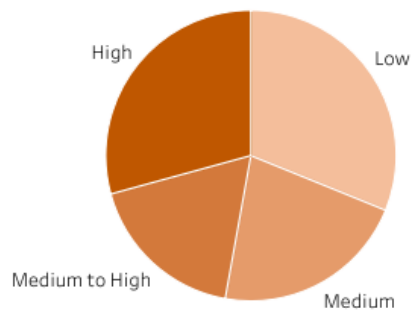
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Patient Clinical Group

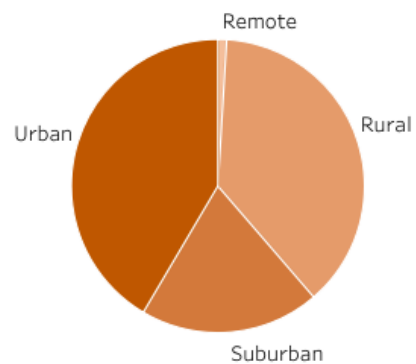
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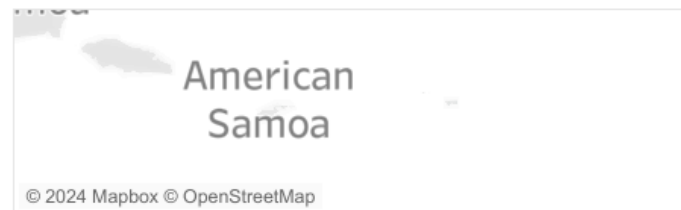
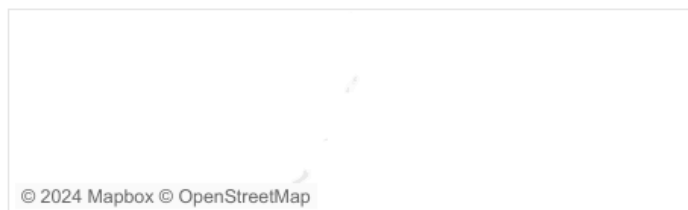
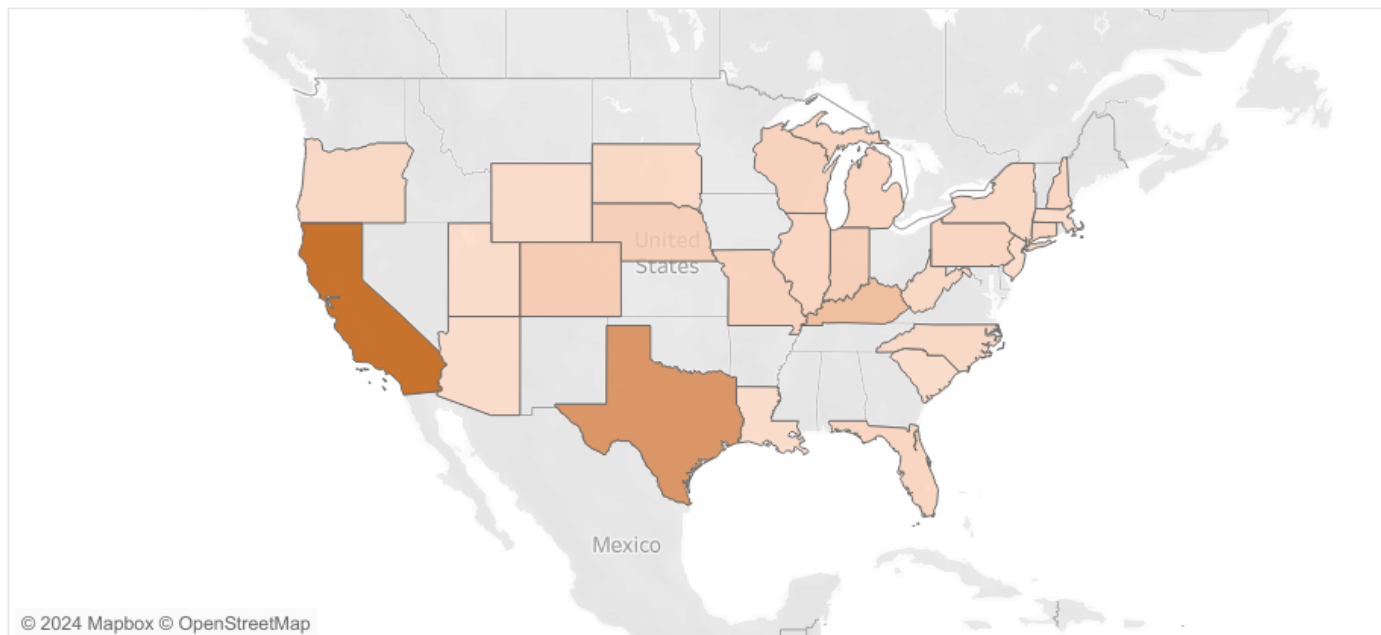
Number of Sites by Patient Volume Category



Number of Sites by Geographic Category



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NPRQI Site Dashboard – Table View

(site must enter a minimum of 10 records before data will appear on dashboard)



Performance Report:

Dates: 2023 Q1 to 2024 Q1 | Clinical Measures Group: All Patients (Core Measures)

Measures with fewer than 10 records will not be displayed

*Cohort performance represents the average of site performances for sites within the same patient volume category (displayed with minimum of 5 sites)

**National performance represents the average of site performances across all participating sites (displayed with a minimum of 5 sites)

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Last Patient Included:
2/3/2024

Bundle	# of Records	Quality Measure	Your Performance	National Performance **	Cohort Performance *	
ASSESSMENT	280	% of pediatric patients with weight documented in kilograms only	95.0 %	60.7 %	43.5 %	<i>i</i>
		% of pediatric patients with pain assessed	71.8 %	78.5 %	83.6 %	<i>i</i>
	277	Median ED length of stay	93.0 minutes	187.7 minutes	116.1 minutes	<i>i</i>
ABNORMAL VITAL SIGNS	92	% of high acuity pediatric patients with vital signs re-assessed	88.0 %	82.1 %	79.6 %	<i>i</i>
	60	Median time from triage to first intervention	43.0 minutes	60.9 minutes	49.6 minutes	<i>i</i>
TRANSFER OF PATIENTS	5	% of transferred pediatric patients who met site-specific transfer criteria	--	99.7 %	--	<i>i</i>
		Median time from triage to transport	--	460.1 minutes	--	<i>i</i>
	0	% of transferred pediatric patients who were discharged from the receiving ED	--	--	--	<i>i</i>

Patient Volume
Low: < 1,800 pediatric patients

Patient Demographics

Patient level filters are not applied to the National or Cohort Performance Metrics.

Age Category
All

Triage Level
All

Ethnicity
All

Race
All

Gender
All

Payor Source
All



Geography: All | Patient Volume: All | ED Configuration: All | Specialty Center Status: All
Age Category: All | Triage Level: All | Ethnicity: All | Race: All | Gender: All | Payor Source: All

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NPRQI Site Dashboard – Graph View

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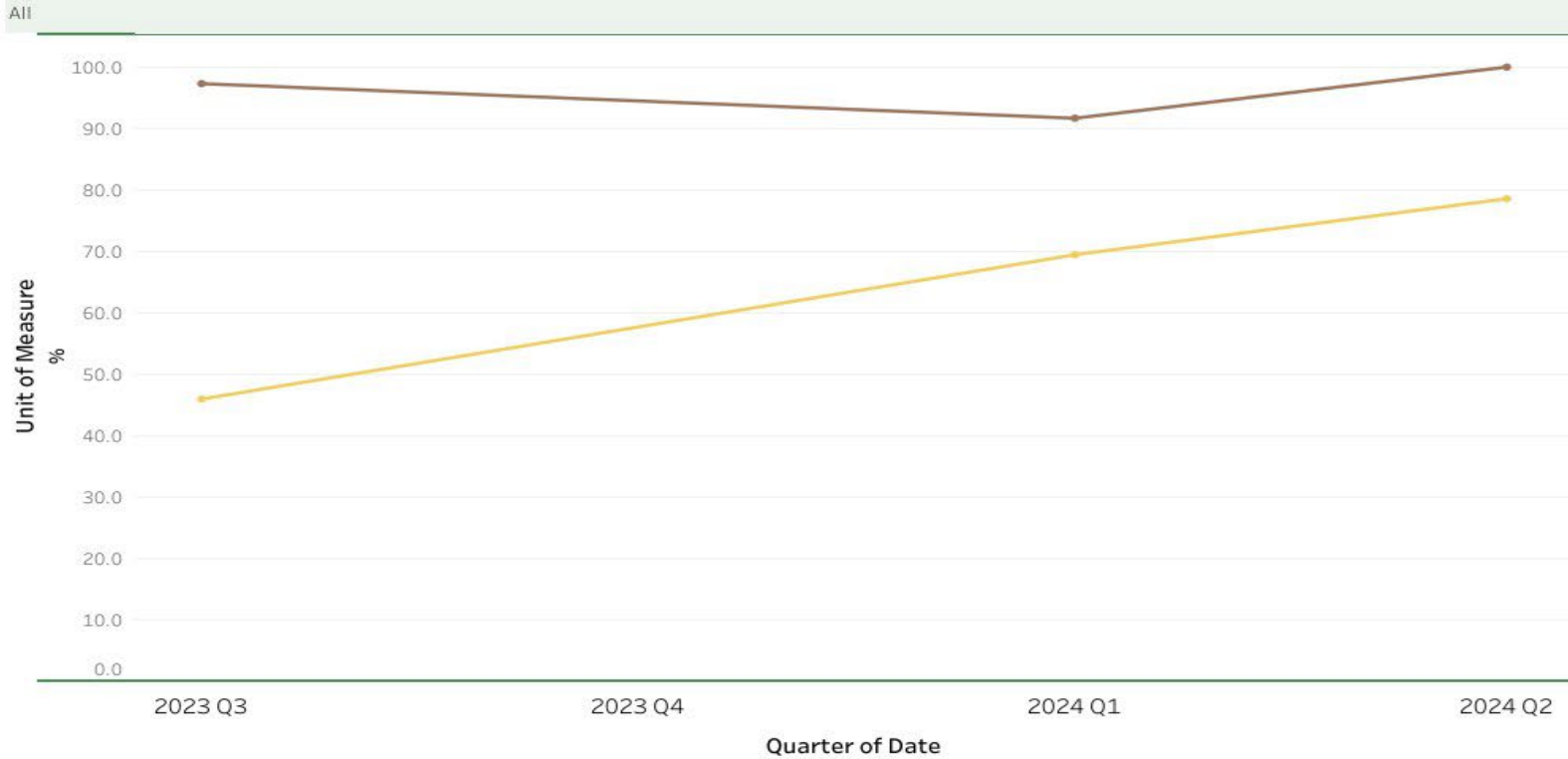
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Show Graph Measures (Measure Selection Only Applies When Patient Clinical Groups With Bundle and Core Measures Selected On the Landing Page)



Graph - Legend

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- % of pediatric patients with weight documented in kilograms only
- % of pediatric patients with pain assessed
- Median ED length of stay
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- % of transferred pediatric patients who were discharged from the receiving ED

Patient Demographics

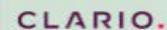
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Geography: All | Patient Volume: All | ED Configuration: All | Specialty Center Status: All
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Pediatric Readiness Save Lives

Newgard et al. (2023). Emergency Department Pediatric Readiness and Short-term and Long-term Mortality Among Children Receiving Emergency Care. *JAMA Open Network*, 6 (1), 1-14.

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2800400>

- Free, self-paced platform
- Ensures site confidentiality
- Web-based data entry and data visualization tools
- Measures performance over time
- Benchmarking against National Aggregate Performance
- Benchmarking against EDs with similar profiles

MEASURE
Assess Pediatric Emergency Care in Your ED
Track Progress Using Pediatric-Specific Quality Measures

REFLECT
Share experiences with similar EDs

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Demonstrate Improved Pediatric Care
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State and National Estimates of the Cost of Emergency Department Pediatric Readiness and Lives Saved

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Abstract

IMPORTANCE High emergency department (ED) pediatric readiness is associated with improved survival among children receiving emergency care, but state and national costs to reach high ED readiness and the resulting number of lives that may be saved are unknown.

OBJECTIVE To estimate the state and national annual costs of raising all EDs to high pediatric readiness and the resulting number of pediatric lives that may be saved each year.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS This cohort study used data from EDs in 50 US states and the District of Columbia from 2012 through 2022. Eligible children were ages 0 to 17 years receiving emergency services in US EDs and requiring admission, transfer to another hospital for admission, or dying in the ED (collectively termed at-risk children). Data were analyzed from October 2023 to May 2024.

EXPOSURE EDs considered to have high readiness, with a weighted pediatric readiness score of 88 or above (range 0 to 100, with higher numbers representing higher readiness).

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES Annual hospital expenditures to reach high ED readiness from current levels and the resulting number of pediatric lives that may be saved through universal high ED readiness.

RESULTS A total 842 of 4840 EDs (17.4%; range, 2.9% to 100% by state) had high pediatric readiness. The annual US cost for all EDs to reach high pediatric readiness from current levels was \$207 335 302 (95% CI, \$188 401 692-\$226 268 912), ranging from \$0 to \$11.84 per child by state. Of the 7619 child deaths occurring annually after presentation, 2143 (28.1%; 95% CI, 678-3608) were preventable through universal high ED pediatric readiness, with population-adjusted state estimates ranging from 0 to 69 pediatric lives per year.

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE In this cohort study, raising all EDs to high pediatric readiness was estimated to prevent more than one-quarter of deaths among children receiving emergency services, with modest financial investment. State and national policies that raise ED pediatric readiness may save thousands of children's lives each year.

Key Points

Question What are the state and national costs of raising all emergency departments (EDs) to high pediatric readiness and the potential number of lives saved?

Findings In this cohort study of 4840 EDs across the US, 842 (17.4%) had high pediatric readiness and the annual cost to reach high pediatric readiness was \$207 335 302, ranging from \$0 to \$11.84 per child by state. An estimated 2143 pediatric lives may be saved each year through universal high ED pediatric readiness.

Meaning These results suggest that raising all EDs to high pediatric readiness would potentially save thousands of pediatric lives each year, with modest financial investment.

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1 in 4 Child Deaths After E.R. Visits Are Preventable, Study Finds

If every emergency room in the United States were fully prepared to treat children, thousands of lives would be saved and the cost would be \$11.84 or less per child, researchers found.

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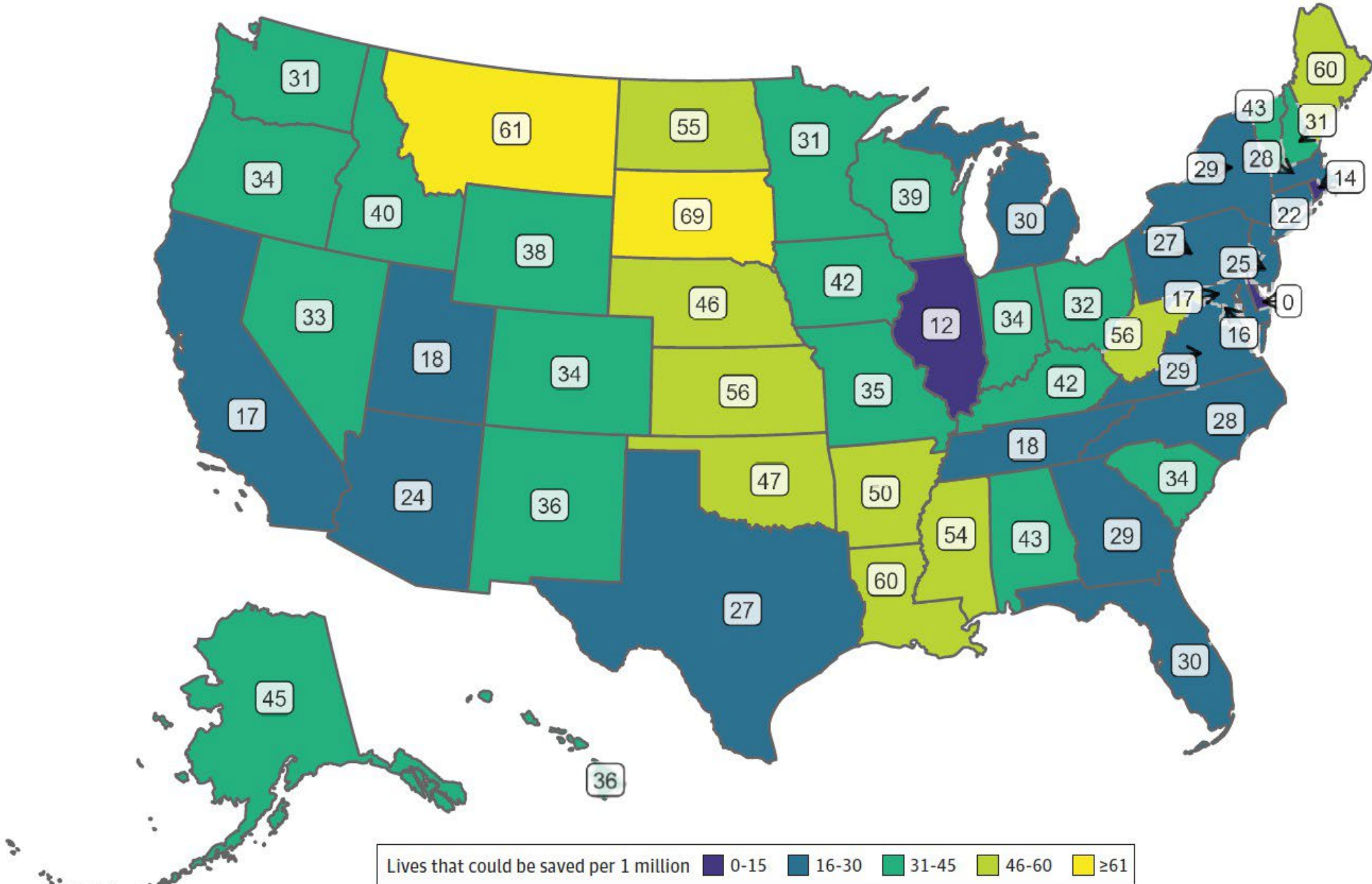


Data from 4,840 emergency rooms across the United States found that 842 of them — less than one-fifth — were considered well-prepared for pediatric emergencies. Hiroko Masuike/The New York Times



By **Emily Baumgaertner**

Figure 4. Population-Adjusted Estimates for the Annual Number of Pediatric Lives Saved Through Universal High ED Pediatric Readiness by State



Summary

- This project is impacting hospitals in every RAC
- Hospitals are identifying PECCs and participating in NPRQI
- Hospitals are completing their NPRP assessment, identifying gaps and implementing action plans
- ED staff and EMS providers are participating in pediatric trauma simulation
- Regional PECCs are making a difference in hospital engagement and handing off simulation to H-PECCs
- RAC Leaders have been invaluable to supporting this project!
- 5 RACs have purchased Laerdal simulators for all their member hospital.
- On September 1, 2025 Trauma Centers will be held to the trauma rules requiring EDs to be PEDS READY

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